

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-91 are pending and under consideration. With this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12, 16-18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27-29, 34-38, 40-46, 49-52, 56, 62, 63, 77-79, 81, 83, 85, 87 and 89-91 are being amended, and claims 3, 13-15, 22, 39, 64 and 68-76 are being canceled, without prejudice against their reintroduction into this or one or more timely filed continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part applications. Thus, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-12, 16-21, 23-38, 40-63, 65-67 and 77-91 are pending and under consideration. The amendments of the claims and the Requirement for Restriction are discussed in more detail, below.

II. Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of original claims 3, 13 and 14.

Claim 16 is amended to incorporate the limitation of original claim 22.

Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 34-38, 40-46, 49-52, 56, 62, 63, 77-79, 81, 83, 85, 87 and 89-91 are amended for grammatical clarity and/or to correct typographical errors.

Claims 29, 52 and 77-79 are also amended for proper dependency.

No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

III. Requirement for Restriction

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the Requirement for Restriction in light of the amended claims. In the event that the Examiner maintains the Requirement for Restriction, Applicants provisionally elect Group CCCLV (originally restricted by the Examiner to encompass claims 13 and 14, but which Group now encompasses amended claim 1, a linking claim encompassed by Groups I-CCCLXXXI as restricted by the Examiner -- see page 11 of the Restriction Requirement mailed 19 June 2008). Thus, applicants believe the elected group encompasses all the pending claims, 1, 2, 4-12, 16-21, 23-38, 40-63, 65-67 and 77-91.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 4-12, 16-21, 23-38, 40-63, 65-67 and 77-91 are believed to satisfy all of the criteria for patentability and are in condition for Allowance. An early indication of the same is therefore kindly requested.

No fees beyond the fee for a two-month extension of time are believed to be due in connection with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to King & Spalding LLP Deposit Account No. 50-4616.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 590-1932.

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